

## From the Editors

From time to time it is felt necessary to concentrate, through the pages of *The Victorian Naturalist*, on a particular group of species of plant or animal, or on the natural history of a particular area. This happens for a variety of reasons, including the celebrating of historical events (e.g. the life and work of Frederick McCoy, the reservation of Wilsons Promontory, the formation of the FNCV); the threat to particular ecosystems (Box-Ironbark forests); or to focus attention on a lesser-known part of the plant or fungus worlds (mistletoes, fungi). The present issue falls into the latter category, drawing attention to the subject of bryophytes.

The subject of bryophytes (mosses, liverworts and hornworts) is certainly not well known to a general readership. Because of that, the terminology used in their study may be unfamiliar to our readers. For this reason, a glossary of relevant terms has been prepared for this issue, and is included at the end, following the final paper.

We trust readers will find some interest in the contents of this issue. The papers presented here should at least serve both as an introduction to a subject area that is not commonly featured in the pages of this journal, and as another indication of the enormous diversity that exists in the plant kingdom.

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